

## Death has taken Livick, Martin and Starnes



Charlie Roller Livick, '77



Lt General Bill Martin, '33



James E. Starnes, '50

### **2015 Reunion features SMA dance, honors KIAs, new barbecue lunch**

Reunion 2015 on 16-18 April will give us all the annual opportunity of being with the dear friends we made at AMA and after, plus some exciting new and old opportunities to enjoy yourself with fellow alumni and family members.

Honoring the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Civil War, the Friday motor coach trip will be to Appomattox Court House where General Lee signed the surrender document. The Saturday lunch will be a barbecue served in front of the gym and sponsored by an alumnus.

All in attendance at the reunion are invited to be guests at an SMA dance during their reunion which is the same weekend as ours. Golfers will golf and shooters will shoot at the annual Sporting Clay event. KIA's from World War Two will be remembered at Founder's Day. Legacy Scholarships will be awarded and star athletes will be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame. AMA Alumni Medals will be awarded to some deserving alumni and friends of Augusta.

But all these activities should not detract from the major reason for having a reunion. "A gathering of persons after a separation," says the dictionary. A chance to get caught up with old friends and make some new ones. Time to reminisce about the similar experiences we all had as AMA cadets. And time to think about AMA's Legacy going forward and how is the best way to protect it. If you haven't been to a reunion for a while or have never been, this would be a good year to come! Pick from the activities that are offered or just spend time with the only people on earth who know what it was like to attend Augusta Military Academy! See you in April!



**The history of  
AMA's two  
organizations**

***The Silent Auction will  
offer some unique and  
valuable items!***

**How you can attend  
the reunion FREE!**

Augusta Military Academy  
Alumni Association, Inc.



Winter 2015

Dear AMA Brothers and Friends,

To all of my AMA brothers and friends, I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that you will have a healthy and prosperous New Year. We should all look back now and then to remember all that Augusta Military Academy had to do in shaping and maturing us for greater responsibility – perhaps more than any other institution we attended. But we also need to look forward as we work to preserve AMA's heritage and legacy.

We are working hard to keep reunion costs down so it is not like a weekend vacation in Europe. We have had several changes since last year, perhaps the biggest one being that we will be the guests of Staunton Military Academy at a dance on the Friday night of our reunion which is also SMA's reunion weekend. No charge to us except for a cash bar. **Jack White, '68**, did a superb job in coordinating this event and may help more in the future.

The Saturday luncheon in the gym will be hosted by **Scott Travers, '70**. We call it "Cooking for the Corps." Scott has a great menu including barbecued chicken and pulled pork. Scott will also be in charge of the Silent Auction which starts Thursday night at our headquarters hotel with the bidding ending at the Saturday lunch. Thursday night, there will be a reception at the Ironwood Country Club next to the Holiday Inn. Friday, the AMA Open will be played at the Waynesboro Country Club hosted by **Paul Poluito, '73**, with SMA, Fishburne and Stuart Hall alumni all invited to play. Also Friday, **Bev and Frank Williamson, '60**, will be taking a luxury motor coach tour of Appomattox and McLean House just eight days after the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of General Lee's surrender there.

Founder's Day on Saturday morning at the Stone Church Cemetery will honor our World War II KIAs and, of course, **Professor Charles S. Roller, Colonel Tom Roller and General Charles S. Roller, Jr.** I would be remiss if I didn't remind you to bring your shotgun and participate in the Sporting Clay Shoot after lunch on Saturday. Our Foundation Chairman Blaine Clarke, '72m, has executed flawlessly this event over the past few years. I encourage you to nominate someone to receive an AMA Alumni Medal. We want to recognize those who have done great things for our school and for the Alumni Association.

It goes without saying that we have a weekend full of events starting Thursday evening. This will give us a chance to rekindle old friendships and make new friends. There will be an evaluation form in your registration packet and we really do want your advice about future reunions. One of our biggest challenges is keeping costs down for the reunion. For instance, if we had the reunion in the Fall instead of in April, our hotel rooms would cost 40-50 dollars more a night because we would be competing with football games and the beauty of the autumn leaves. Still, we want to hear what YOU would like to see in future reunions. I hope to speak personally with each of you at the reunion to see what you liked and what you did not like. See you in April!

With every good wish,

LTC Steve Trent, '70

President

AMA Alumni Association



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# Cooking for the Corps

**This year's Saturday lunch will be a BARBECUE right there in front of the AMA Gymnasium!**

**Chicken breasts, pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, rolls, drinks and to top it off: banana pudding!**



The event is being sponsored by SCOTT TRAVERS, '70, and the barbecue will be prepared by Bobby Wease of Plan B-BBQ in Montross, Virginia, Scott's hometown. The baked beans and slaw will be prepared by the women of Ben Zinkhan's church. There will be two BBQ sauces available: Brett Thompson's special barbecue sauce and Scott's BBQ Sauce from Goldsboro, NC. A wood-fired grill will have the food hot and inviting! Be sure to attend this mouth-watering luncheon and support our good friend Scott for all the work he is putting into this event.

All items from the Silent Auction will be on display in the gym and final bidding will conclude at the end of the lunch. This year's lunch is only \$25 per person.

## 50/50

There are some fun ways to win money at the reunion while you are helping AMA!

50/50 has players deposit five dollar bills in a canister, each with the person's name

or other identifying mark on it. At the end of the evening on Saturday, a five dollar bill will be drawn and the winner will get half of what is in the canister while AMA gets the other half. In past years, as much as \$900 has been in the pot!

The Tower of Power, sponsored annually by Bev and Frank Williamson, '60, contains a bottle of Virginia Gentleman to be consumed by the last alumnus. In recognition of this, Frank and Bev provide bottles of Virginia Gentleman which are given away on Friday and Saturday nights. Drawing tickets will be on sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Two great ways to win something memorable while helping AMA!





# Schedule, 2015 Augusta Military Academy Reunion

## THURSDAY 16 APRIL

10:00 AM . . . Alumni House/Museum open

12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM . . . . . Registration  
PX open, Silent Auction begins  
Tower of Power sales begin  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM Refreshments served  
Sodas, ice, cookies, pretzels, chips  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

5:00 PM . . . . . Opening reception  
The **CLUB AT IRONWOOD**  
(formerly the STAUNTON Country Club)

7:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight . Hospitality hours  
PX open, Silent Auction, Tower of Power  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

## FRIDAY 17 APRIL

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM . . . . . Registration  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

7:30 - 11:00 AM . . . . . Coffee service  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

8:00 - 8:30 AM . . . . . Golfers depart for  
**Waynesboro Country Club**

9:00 AM . . . . . PX open, Silent Auction,  
Tower of Power, Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

9:00 AM . . . AMA Open Golf Tournament  
Waynesboro Country Club  
Contact: **Paul Poluito** - cpp2q@virginia.edu

9:00 AM . Motor Coach tour to Appomattox  
. . . . . Luncheon included  
Refreshments on return trip to Staunton  
*Meet in front of the Holiday Inn*  
Hosted by **Bev and Frank Williamson, '60**

12:00 Noon - 5:30 PM . . . Refreshments  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . Museum open

4:00 PM . . . . . PX closes

4:30 PM . . . . . Motor coach tour returns

5:00 PM . Registration open, Reunion Plaza

5:30 - 6:30 PM . . . . . Open Bar, Ballroom  
Holiday Inn

6:30 PM . . . . . Dinner is served  
Holiday Inn Ballrooms

8:30 PM . Those signed up for SMA Dance  
depart for Clock Tower Building

8:30 PM . PX, Silent Auction, Tower of Power  
Cash bar, Holiday Inn

12:00 Midnight . . . . . Hospitality hours end  
Reunion Plaza closes



## SATURDAY 18 APRIL

All day . . . . . Confederate Encampment  
in front of Big Barracks

All day . . . . . Tower of Power  
50/50 opportunities

Through lunch . . . . . Silent Auction bidding

9:00 AM . . AMA Alumni Association Board  
and General Membership Meeting

*All alumni invited to all meetings*

10:00 AM .AMA Alumni Foundation Trustees

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . AMA Museum open

11:00 AM . . . . . Founder's Day ceremonies  
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery

Master of Ceremonies: **Edwin Click, '50**

Virginia Military Institute Color Guard

Confederate reenactors Honor Guard

Alumni who have passed on since  
Reunion 2014 will be remembered

World War Two KIAs remembered

Taps by VMI bugler

12:45 . . . . . Soupy sounds, VMI bugler  
**COOKING FOR THE CORPS**  
Fantastic barbecue, AMA Gymnasium  
Sponsored by **Scott Travers, '70**

Lunch: Emcee **Steve Trent, '70**

Virginia Military Institute Color Guard

AMA Alumni Medals presented  
**Blaine Clarke, '72**

Remembering **Roller Society** patrons:  
**Chris Meek, '83**

Induction into AMA Sports Hall of Fame  
**Frank Williamson, '60**

AMA Open Golf Trophy presented  
**Paul Poluito, '73**

**Final bidding at Silent Auction**

*Please visit the Confederate encampment  
in front of Big Barracks*

2:00 PM . . . . . Sporting Clay Shoot  
Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg  
Contact: **Blaine Clarke, '72** at:  
[Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net](mailto:Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net)

4:00 PM . . . Refreshments, Reunion Plaza

6:00 PM . Open Bar, Holiday Inn Ballrooms

7:00 PM . . . . . Annual Awards Banquet  
(**Business attire**) Holiday Inn Ballrooms

Results of Annual Sporting Clay Shoot  
**Blaine Clarke, '72**

Awarding AMA Legacy Scholarships  
**Phil Bentley, '83**

Special Awards  
**Gordon Metz, '68**  
**Crysta Stephenson**

Second Tower of Power drawing  
50/50 drawing

12:00 Midnight . . . . . Hospitality hours end  
Reunion Plaza closes

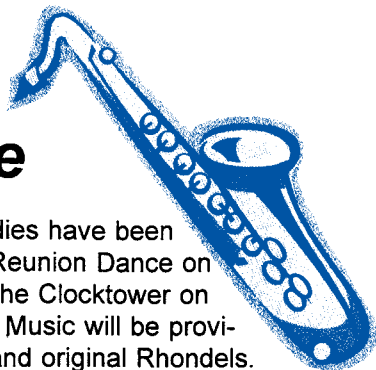
## SUNDAY 19 APRIL

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . Museum open

11:00 AM . . Sunday service, Stone Church

12:00 Noon . . . . . **Roller Riders** depart

# AMA invited to SMA dance



AMA alumni and their ladies have been invited to attend the SMA Reunion Dance on Friday evening 17 April at the Clocktower on Beverly Street in Staunton. Music will be provided by Bill Deal's famous and original Rhondels.

**Jack White, '69**, says that the SMA Alumni Association wants to have AMA alumni as their guests at the dance which will start at 8 PM (to accommodate AMA Reunion activities preceding that hour). Jack says this is *"part of several other joint activities over the reunion weekend to bring AMA and SMA alumni and their families closer together. SMA folks will be playing in the AMA Open and participating in the Sporting Clay Shoot, an excellent opportunity to get to know some new folks and determine if there are ways that we can work together in the future."*

Jack hopes to arrange transportation from the Holiday Inn to the Clocktower and back. There will be a cash bar at the dance. Dress is casual.

*"I heard the Rhondels in concert last year and they are really good,"* says Jack. Based in Virginia Beach, the group has played all over the world with a combination of Top 40s, jazz, big band and dance music. They are noted for their outstanding vocals.

Says Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke, '72**, *"This is a great opportunity to get to know our SMA brothers better. We have much more in common than you might think. The 'Thin Grey Line' almost makes us family... We may consider having them and other military schools in the Shenandoah Valley in a future museum."*

So, get on your dancing shoes! Slow music or fast music, The Rhondels have a speed you'll enjoy. What a generous invitation from the Staunton Military Academy fellows, our old rivals, to take such a significant role in their reunion. Let us not disappoint them!

## Numbers you need to know

### AMA Alumni House/Museum

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AMAAlumni.org

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## FORT DEFIANCE AREA HOTELS

AMA does NOT make hotel reservations

### REUNION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

#### The Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center

Exit 225 off I-81 152 Fairway Lane, Staunton  
540/248-6020 - \$89.99 per night plus tax

Days Inn  
Exit 225 off I-81  
Opposite Holiday Inn  
540/248-0888  
Phone for quote

Best Western  
Exit 222 off I-81  
92 Rowe Road  
4 miles from Holiday Inn  
1/800/752-9471  
\$79.99 per night plus tax

Sleep Inn  
Exit 222 off I-81  
222 Jefferson Highway  
4 miles from Holiday Inn  
540/887-6500  
Phone for quote

Howard Johnson Express  
268 N. Central Avenue,  
Downtown Staunton  
6 miles from Holiday Inn  
866/403-9851  
Phone for quote

Hampton Inn  
Exit 220 off I-81  
40 Payne Lane  
5 miles from Holiday Inn  
540/886-7000  
Phone for quote

Hampton Inn, Fishersville  
Exit 91 off I-64  
9 miles from Holiday Inn  
540/213-9500  
Phone for quote

Marriott Residence Inn  
Waynesboro  
Exit 94 off I-64  
44 Windigrove Drive  
12 miles from Holiday Inn  
1/800/228-2100  
Phone for quote

Because AMA, SMA and Stuart Hall are all having their annual reunions on the same weekend, you should make reservations early. Ask for any AMA rate.

## Roller Riders plan post reunion four state trip

The Roller Riders are looking forward to the 2015 trip which will depart from in front of the AMA Museum when the reunion ends on Sunday 19 April.

Ride Leader **Rick Smail, '67**, said the Riders had two events in 2014: the post reunion trip and a Labor Day weekend excursion. *"It was gratifying for us to celebrate Mac McWilliam's successful battle with cancer and we are hoping that this year's ride will be as uplifting,"* says Rick.

**Gordon Metz, '68**, wants to lead the riders through Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia. Through Gordon's association with the National Farm Bureau, he has met a farmer in Kentucky who wants to do a whole hog barbecue for the Riders. Says Rick, *"No matter where we go, Gordon is going to know someone!"*

Rick says if others have other ideas, such ideas are welcomed, for this or future years will get priority attention. Get in touch with Rick to let him know if you will be on this year's ride: ricksmail@earthlink.net.

## Restaurants in the area

Listed herewith are recommended restaurants in Staunton, Waynesboro and Harrisonburg. You may want to make a reservation for Thursday night.

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### STAUNTON

Emilio's \$\$\$ Italian  
23 E. Beverly Street

Edelweiss \$\$\$ German  
19 Edelweiss Lane

Mill Street Grill \$\$\$ American  
1 Mill Street

Zynodoa \$\$\$ Southern/soul  
115 E. Beverly Street

Aioli Mediterranean \$\$\$ Med  
29 N. Augusta Street

Depot Grill \$\$ American  
42 Middlebrook Avenue

China House \$\$ Chinese  
240 N. Central Avenue

Applebee's \$\$ American  
139 Lee-Jackson Highway

Taste of India \$\$ Indian  
105 W. Beverly Street

Red Lobster \$\$ Seafood  
132 Lee-Jackson Highway

Texas Steakhouse \$\$ Steaks  
134 Rowe Road

Cracker Barrel \$ American  
152 Rowe Road

Rowe's Family Restaurant \$  
74 Rowe road

Baja Bean \$ Mexican  
9 W. Beverly Street

### WAYNESBORO

Green Leaf Grill \$\$ American  
415 W. Main Street

Ming Chinese Garden \$\$ Chinese  
316 Federal Street

Outback Steakhouse \$\$ Steaks  
28 Windigrove Drive

Osaka \$\$ Japanese  
400 Tiffany Drive

Cracker Barrel \$ American  
101 Apple Tree Lane

### HARRISONBURG

Joshua Wilton House \$\$\$\$ American  
412 S. Main Street

Bluestone Inn \$\$\$ Steaks/seafood  
9107 N. Valley Pike

Wood Grill \$\$\$ American  
1711 Reservoir Street

Applebee's \$\$ American  
1860 E. Market Street

Union Station \$\$ American  
28 W. Market Street

Thai Flavor \$\$ Thai  
51 Kenmore Street

Local Chop and Grill House  
\$\$ American  
56 Gay Street

# Three \$2,000 Legacy Scholarships awarded at Reunion 2015

The AMA Alumni Foundation will be offering three Legacy Scholarships in 2015, each worth \$2,000, for attendance at educational institutions above the high school level.

These stipends will be awarded at Reunion 2015 (16-18 April) to direct descendants of AMA alumni. This includes children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, et al whether natural, adopted or step.

Applicants must be 25 years of age or younger and be enrolled in or about to enroll in an institution above the high school level.

There are three ways to obtain a scholarship application:

- Download it from: [www.AMAAlumni.org](http://www.AMAAlumni.org)
- Request it from: [AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net](mailto:AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net)
- Write SCHOLARSHIP, AMA Alumni House/Museum,  
P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437

## APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 1 MARCH 2015

All applicants will be notified by U. S. Mail whether or not they will be receiving a scholarship. Those who will be awarded scholarships are requested to attend the AMA Awards Banquet at Reunion 2015 on Saturday evening 18 April

Two of the scholarships will be awarded based on grades and activities. The third will be awarded on the basis of leadership qualities.

All applications are evaluated by an independent judge, Dr. Mary DeCredico, Professor of History at the United States Naval Academy and an AMA Foundation Trustee.

The Chairman of the 2015 AMA Legacy Scholarship Committee is  
Phil Bentley, '83.



## REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

SEE THE ENCLOSED BLUE FORM FOR DETAILS

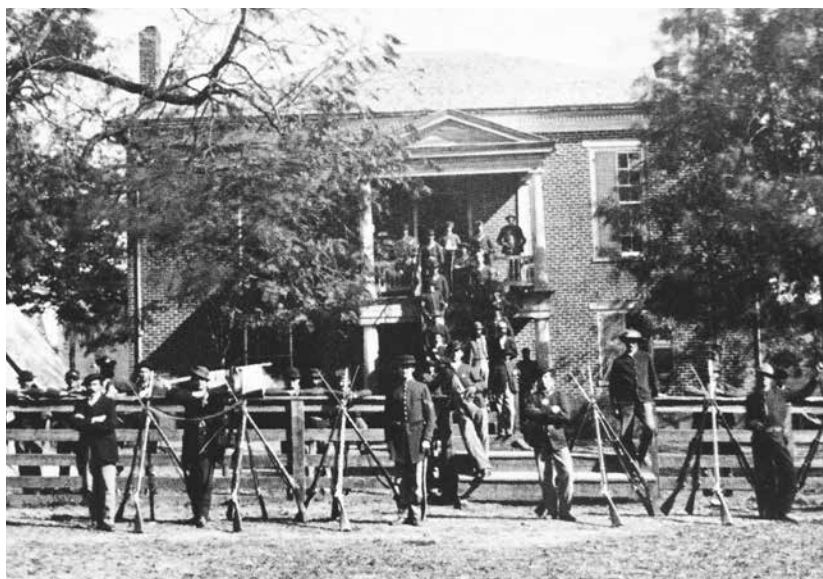


## Professor Roller was there

# Reunion trip to visit place where Civil War ended

After the Civil War Battle of Manassas (Bull Run), Wilbur McLean moved his family away from the hotly contested area just south of Washington to Appomattox Court House in Central Virginia, a place he thought was safe from the war. But it was in his parlor that Generals Grant and Lee met on 9 April 1865 to bring an end to the war. Now, a century and a half later, AMA reunion goers will visit the historic McLean House

Augusta Military Academy has a close tie to this event. The day before Generals Lee and Grant met, **Charles S. Roller, Sr.**, a soldier in General J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate Cavalry, was wounded and captured near Appomattox, but he would be a prisoner of war for only a single day. The following day, after he had met with Grant, General Lee rode back to his men admonishing them to "Go to your homes and resume your occupations. Obey the laws and become as good citizens as you were soldiers." Professor Roller did just that as he began tutoring Confederate veterans just four months after the war ended, the beginnings of what we came to know as AMA.



**THE McLEAN HOUSE at Appomattox Court House where the Civil War ended 9 April 1865, 150 years ago this coming April.**

*For the first time in 150 years,  
General Lee's copy of the surrender  
will be on exhibit at the  
Appomattox Court House  
National Historical Park  
which AMA alumni will visit  
on this special reunion trip.*

On Friday during Reunion 2015, a group of AMA alumni and their families will travel to Appomattox to visit this famous place just eight days after the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the surrender. Once again, the arrangements are being made by Bev and Frank Williamson, '60. Thank you one more time!

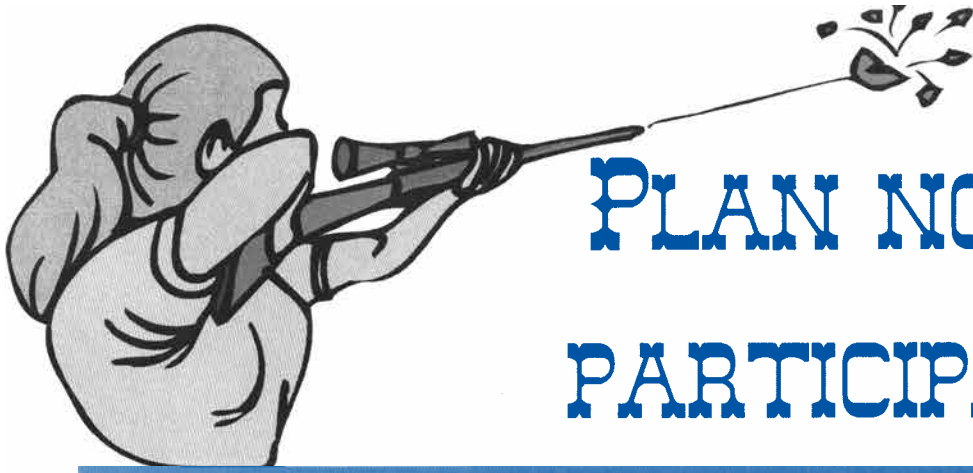
A luxury motor coach will leave the Holiday Inn, the reunion headquarters hotel, at 8 AM Friday 17 April and riders will enjoy a National Park Service presentation about the events leading up to Appomattox on the trip there. Arriving at the Appomattox National Battlefield Park, an NPS ranger will lead a tour of the fought over ground. The group will then visit McLean House and tour the interior including the room where the surrender documents were signed. After a visit to the Clover Tavern, there will be a fantastic luncheon buffet at Babcock House (1887), rated by the Washington Post as one of the area's best B&Bs. The tour fee includes this unforgettable luncheon.

Following lunch, the group will visit General Lee's last headquarters and hear "the old apple tree" story. A visit to the new, highly acclaimed Museum of the Confederacy (see box, above, left) will conclude a fascinating encounter with history where it happened. On the way back from Appomattox to Fort Defiance, complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks will be available, courtesy of the Williamsons. The group will be back at the Holiday Inn by 4:45 PM in plenty of time to refresh before the evening activities commence.

Says Frank, "This promises to be one of the most popular tours we have even had at reunion time if the interest expressed so far is any indication of how many will want to participate. We have reserved a 55 passenger luxury motor coach and have been able to negotiate an amazing price for the entire tour, including lunch and other refreshments: Only \$45.95 per person!"

**SIGN UP FOR THE TOUR ON THE ENCLOSED BLUE REGISTRATION FORM.**

**THE TOUR IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL REGISTRATION FEE.**



PLAN NOW TO  
PARTICIPATE IN

# THE 2015 SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

SATURDAY 18 APRIL AT  
THE FLYING RABBIT  
IN HARRISONBURG

THE SHOOT STARTS AT 2:30 PM OR  
THEREABOUTS. ALL ARE INVITED TO SHOOT:  
ALUMNI, LADIES, TEENS. AND THIS YEAR WE  
WILL HAVE OUR FRIENDS FROM SMA  
TAKING PART! HOPEFULLY, SOME ALUMNAE  
FROM STUART HALL AS WELL!

CONTACT BLAINE CLARKE, '72 AT:  
[BLAINE.CLARKE@COMCAST.NET](mailto:BLAINE.CLARKE@COMCAST.NET)

BRING YOUR OWN WEAPON OR WE WILL FURNISH ONE!







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### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As I prepare this article, the Christmas Season is in full swing. Although it was more than 40 years ago, I have clear memories of the day at AMA as we prepared to go home for Christmas break. The anticipation and excitement was palpable. It was a time of looking forward to spending time with our families and getting a well deserved break from the rigorous academics, military drilling and the shining of shoes and brass. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we hope you had a special Holiday and wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

The focus for 2015 will be the development and implementation of a strategic plan to guide our efforts going forward. Museum accreditation requires us to have plans in place that outline our financial goals, disaster preparation and strategic plans. The development of these plans has tasked both boards and the membership with answering some difficult questions: "Why would we exist in 20 years?," "Who will be our audience?," "How is the community served by our existence?," and especially, "What will be our funding stream?"

As you no doubt know, we are always struggling to make budget every year and we push the membership at the end of each year to make end-of-the-year tax deductible contributions to close the budget gap. Part of any strategic plan involves developing ways to increase donations from the membership. The current plan is not working.

By way of example, there are approximately 1,780 of you who receive *The Bayonet*. In 2013, only 329 of you donated. At the time of this writing our records indicate that of 31 October 2014, only 125 of you had donated. Final numbers for 2014 will be forthcoming but the trend is scary given that we lose members every year and have no new members coming in. We are at the point where an alumnus who would write us a check for a hundred dollars will now have to write a bigger check to make up for those who have passed on. This and other issues are being discussed as we move to develop a strategic plan. If you have any experience and/or ideas about these issues, please contact me or any board member. All contact information for members of both boards can be found on the AMA web site: [AMAAlumni.org](http://AMAAlumni.org). Or better yet, attend the Saturday 7 March meeting in Staunton to join in the discussion (see page 14).

The reason this year's reunion includes Staunton Military Academy alumni is an attempt to close the distance between our two schools and possibly prepare for a joint museum in the future. I am a firm believer that if we are to sustain ourselves, we need to be part of something bigger. Your boards are discussing this and other options to be presented to the General Membership Meeting on Saturday morning at Reunion 2015. In the meantime, please attend the 7 March meeting where these matters will be discussed. Make every effort also to attend this year's reunion so that you can attend events with AMA and SMA alums. Believe it or not, we have much more in common than you may think. The "Thin Grey Line" almost makes us family. There is also consideration of including other military schools in the Shenandoah Valley into a future museum.

Please do not forget to volunteer at our museum this year. Due to health issues, our docents are unable to fill as many hours as they have in the past. Call Crysta Stephenson at the Museum (540/248-3007) or check the monthly on-line museum newsletter for more information. If you are not receiving the on-line museum newsletter, let Crysta know. Remember: for every day you volunteer at the museum, your reunion registration fee drops ten per cent. Volunteer five days and your registration fee will drop 50 per cent! Volunteer ten days and your registration will be free!

Ad Astra per Aspera!

Blaine Clarke, '72  
Chairman

### MISSION STATEMENT

*"To preserve the traditions of the Augusta Military Academy and to honor the memory of the life and times of its alumni, faculty, staff, and supporting families through the AMA Museum, the Legacy Scholarship and the publication of The Bayonet."*

# Nominations close soon for AMA Alumni Medals

Nominations will close on 6 March for the AMA Alumni Medals to be awarded at Reunion 2015, the 17<sup>th</sup> year that those who have given significant help to AMA will be so honored.

Beginning in 1999, AMA alumni, teachers and friends have been singled out annually for what they have done to promote the AMA Alumni Association and the AMA Alumni Foundation. Some were chosen for some single contribution of time or resources while others have been selected for having been constant supporters with many smaller contributions adding up to a remarkable gift.

Fifty two of the 65 medalists are alumni, four were faculty members while others include friends from Fishburne Military School and Missouri Military Academy, a Fort Defiance High School teacher, a Foundation "outside" trustee, a museum volunteer, our landlord, a Roller family member, the producer of *The Bayonet* and the endower of the AMA Intern Program.

At Reunion 2014, **Mrs. Helen Charleton**, the widow of **William Curtis Charleton, 1915**, who created the AMA Internship Program in her late husband's memory, and **Charles Pascale, '69**, who gives of his time and resources to keep our computer programs working, were awarded AMA Alumni Medals.

*Think about who has given tirelessly to the AMA Foundation or the Alumni Association. Or one who has made a singular contribution of time and talent. Check the list in the box to the right. If that person's name is NOT on the roster, please submit that name right away!*

The selection committee is chaired by Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke, '72**. Members of the committee are Association President **Steve Trent, '70**, **Phil Bentley, '83**, **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, **Frank Williamson, '60**, and **Bob Bradford, '50**.

**SEND NOMINATIONS TO: AMA ALUMNI MEDAL, BOX 100, FORT DEFIANCE, VA 24437. OR BY E-MAIL TO: AUGUSTAMILITARYACADEMY@VERIZON.NET**

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED  
NO LATER THAN 6 MARCH 2015!**

**Winners will be announced at Reunion 2015**

## Past recipients of the AMA Alumni Medal

<b>Joseph Salicrup, '31*</b>	<b>Nicky Syropoulos, '67</b>
<b>Col. Will Parkins, '35*</b>	<b>Gordon Metz, '68</b>
<b>Julian Quarles, '35</b>	<b>Victor Gomez, '69</b>
<b>Bill Gray, '37*</b>	<b>Charlie Pascale, '69</b>
<b>Mickey Gordon, '39*</b>	<b>B. J. d'Orsay, '70</b>
<b>V. P. Leavel, '39*</b>	<b>Gary Nicholson, '70*</b>
<b>Bobby Rhea, '47*</b>	<b>Jorge Roviroso, '70</b>
<b>Paul Bratton, '48*</b>	<b>Steve Trent, '70</b>
<b>Ed Chauncey, '49*</b>	<b>Garry Granger, '71</b>
<b>Jim Council, '49</b>	<b>Doug Carter, '72</b>
<b>Clyde Ramsey, '49</b>	<b>Tom DelValle, '72</b>
<b>Frank Spencer, '49</b>	<b>Steve Pearson, '72*</b>
<b>Bob Bradford, '50</b>	<b>Chuck Pennock, '72</b>
<b>Ed Click, '50</b>	<b>Bruce Strange, '72</b>
<b>Jim Starnes, '50*</b>	<b>Steve Traylor, '72</b>
<b>Rod Willey, '51</b>	<b>Norvell West, '84</b>
<b>Hap Starr, '51*</b>	<b>Mrs. Helen Charleton</b>
<b>Tommy Simmons, '52*</b>	<b>Chief Chester Cole*</b>
<b>Ozzie Ferro, '53</b>	<b>Dr. Mary DeCredico+</b>
<b>Ronnie Mahanes, '53*</b>	<b>Rev. Greg Douglas</b>
<b>Bob Harris, '54</b>	<b>Chuck Foley^</b>
<b>Parker Ward, '54*</b>	<b>Hilton Roller Grasty*</b>
<b>Goodloe Saunders, '57</b>	<b>Bruce Hemp^^</b>
<b>Jerry Wildman, '57</b>	<b>Sgt. Joe Josephson*</b>
<b>Duke Fancher, '58</b>	<b>John Maragon^^^</b>
<b>Terry Snow, '58*</b>	<b>Sue Messerley ++</b>
<b>Dave Conrad, '59</b>	<b>Coach Bill Ralph*</b>
<b>George Holt, '60</b>	<b>Sgt. Don Studer</b>
<b>Bill Mariner, '60</b>	<b>Joyce Zinkhan</b>
<b>Luke Snyder, '60</b>	<b>(Mrs. Ben, '60)</b>
<b>Frank Williamson, '60</b>	
<b>Ben Zinkhan, '60</b>	
<b>Bruce Nicholson, '62</b>	
<b>Bob Hume, '63</b>	
<b>Greg Pearce, '65</b>	
<b>Mac McInnis, '67</b>	
<b>Rick Smail, '67</b>	

\* Deceased

^ Missouri MA

^^ Fort Defiance HS

^^^ Fishburne MS

+ Foundation Trustee,  
USNA

++ Mid Valley Press

## Some board and trustee terms expire at reunion

AMA Alumni Association Directors and AMA Alumni Foundation Trustees are elected for three year terms with one third of each board being elected each year to assure continuity.

Alumni Association Directors whose terms expire at the reunion are **Bob Bradford, '50**, **Dr. Mary DeCredico, USNA**, **Luke Snyder, '60** and **Steve Traylor, '72**.

AMA Foundation Trustees whose terms expire are **Phil Bentley, '83**, **Blaine Clarke, '72** and **Dr. Mary DeCredico, USNA**. In addition, **Bob Bradford, '50**, resigned as a trustee and needs to be replaced.

Each Director and Trustee is eligible to be reelected. There is no term limit in either organization.

Election of Association Directors takes place at the annual membership meeting, this year, at 0900 Saturday 18 April following the Board meeting.

Trustee candidates must be suggested to the Foundation Nominating Committee by Friday 3 April. Thereafter, the Committee will prepare printed ballots which will be distributed at the General Membership meeting. Write-ins and nominations from the floor will not be accepted and proxy votes, oral or written, are not accepted. Officers of both organizations are elected by the individual boards when they meet on Saturday 18 April. All alumni are invited to all meetings.



# THE 2015 AMA OPEN

## AT LAST YEAR'S VENUE

**Friday 17 April at 9 AM - Shotgun start**

**A four-person scramble (Captain's choice) with all proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation. All are welcome! Men, ladies and teens**

**Use every player's tee shot twice. Lowest score wins! 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Place Prizes awarded plus Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Best Putt.**

**Drawing for Mulligan Prizes! \$10 per mulligan, limit two per player.**



**FEES: \$100\* PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES 18 HOLES, GREEN FEES, CART RENTAL, BOX LUNCH, REFRESHMENTS, GOODY BAG AND A DONATION TO THE AMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION**

\* Includes two Mulligans

**We need your help in getting things for the Goody Bags.  
Golf balls, tees, towels, caps, umbrellas and we'll even take CASH!  
Contact PAUL POLUITO, '73, at [cpp2q@virginia.edu](mailto:cpp2q@virginia.edu)**

**Thanks to Paul for hosting the AMA Open at his club –  
The Waynesboro Country Club**

### Sign up form for the 2015 AMA Open

Name and Class \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Snail mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap or last three scores \_\_\_\_ Will play with anyone ☐ OR team me with \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

We have a foursome \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to:  
AMA Alumni Foundation  
Mail form and check to:  
AMA Golf, P. O. Box 100,  
Fort Defiance, VA 24437  
Photocopy will be accepted**



**We expect to have players  
from some of our rival  
military schools! SMA, FMS,  
Fork Union, Massanutten  
and Stuart Hall! More fun!**



*Our Friend, Jim Starnes, passed away on 6 October of last year. We reprint this tribute to him from a 1999 Bayonet.*

# SPOTLIGHT on JIM STARNES, '50

For one brief, shining hour, it appeared that Augusta alumni would have their Camelot again, that idealized place to which our memories always harken. The blacktop with its milling cadets, the stoops alive with people, the bugle call, the retreat cannon, the bell in the mess hall.

A school again at AMA! A faculty, a curriculum, a military cadre, even a marching band. A dream? Perhaps, but the dream grew in the mind of a very practical person.

**Jim Starnes, '50**, had many reasons to love Augusta. His father, **Captain George Starnes**, taught foreign languages at AMA from the fall of 1921 until June of 1925 - before Jim was even thought of. Because George recognized that AMA prepared young people as no other institution, it made sense that Jim would attend AMA one day.

Jim came to Augusta for his last 2 years of high school. He was a master sergeant in the Band his senior year, made the Honor Roll, was on the staff of both *The Bayonet* and *The Recall*, and played intramural sports. He left AMA with memories of *"the cadets who cried at that last formation. It sent a powerful message to me that something as good as AMA really does deserve to exist and the young people of the future deserve a chance to enjoy the benefits we had as AMA cadets."* That message filled Jim with what he calls *"a personal fervor"*, a zeal that captured his every waking moment for 2 full years.

## Military environment

James E. Starnes was born in August of 1932. His father taught foreign languages at the U.S. Naval Academy and Jim grew up with the military in and around Annapolis. After AMA, Jim attended the University of Maryland where he was battalion commander of the ROTC unit and a member of the Pershing Rifles. (He also managed to steal the Navy goat from Annapolis on a dare) He went into the Air Force taking jet fighter training at Webb AFB, TX and became a member of the Tow Target Squadron at Mitchell AFB, NY. During his stint with the Air Force, Jim came back to visit AMA.

**Colonel Roller**, who hadn't seen Jim for several years, looked at him and said, *"Hello, Starnes. It looks like the Air Force is good for you."* (see page 23)

His military career behind him, Jim went to work at IBM where after 13 years he had responsibility for worldwide computer sales to the Defense Department. He then became Corporate Director of Marketing for Burroughs, then Vice President for the Computer Systems Division of RCA. He founded 2 high

tech companies: GRAFTEK, subsequently acquired by Burroughs, and MAXAM Technologies, which later became publicly traded. Jim became Executive Vice President of Equifax Government and Special Systems, Inc, a Equifax subsidiary. He founded and was President and CEO of FYI Online, a joint venture between MCI and Equifax. MCI eventually purchased Equifax, and Jim retired in January of 1996.

## No dreamer he

So, Jim Starnes is no starry eyed dreamer. His business and military experiences told him that getting AMA restarted was to be a monumental task. After the school failed to open in January of 1984, the faculty dispersed, the buildings fell into further disrepair, and the reputation of the place was not what it had been. In the summer of '84,

Cecil Culbertson of Haymarket, VA bought AMA and 57 acres of adjoining land for about \$550,000.

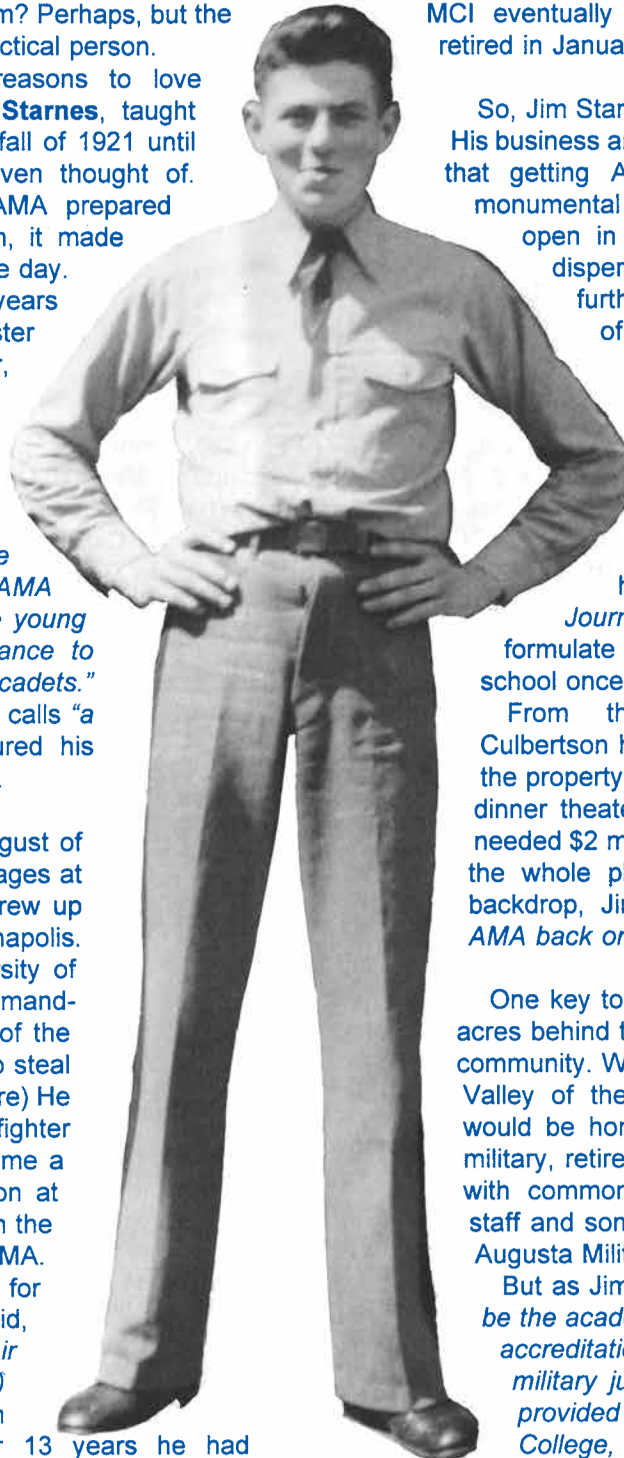
Jim did not know that the school had gone under until he saw an ad in the *Wall Street Journal*. Immediately, Jim began to formulate a plan in his mind to have a school once more at Augusta.

From the beginning, the elderly Culbertson had an overblown idea of what the property was worth. He talked about a dinner theater in the gym and felt that he needed \$2 million if someone wanted to buy the whole place. Against this pessimistic backdrop, Jim began his task of *"putting AMA back on the air."*

## Academics key

One key to Jim's plan was the use of the acres behind the school to build a retirement community. With a sweeping view across the Valley of the Shenandoah, this high land would be home to retired teachers, retired military, retired clergy. These mature people with common interests would provide the staff and some of the faculty for the reborn Augusta Military Academy.

But as Jim explains, *"the linchpin was to be the academic program. We would need accreditation. My plan was to create a military junior college with a curriculum provided by Blue Ridge Community College, located 4 miles north of Fort Defiance. I met with Blue Ridge officials and received a lot of encouragement... A student would be able to attend AMA for the last 2 years of high school and receive credit for 2 years at any Virginia*





state university."

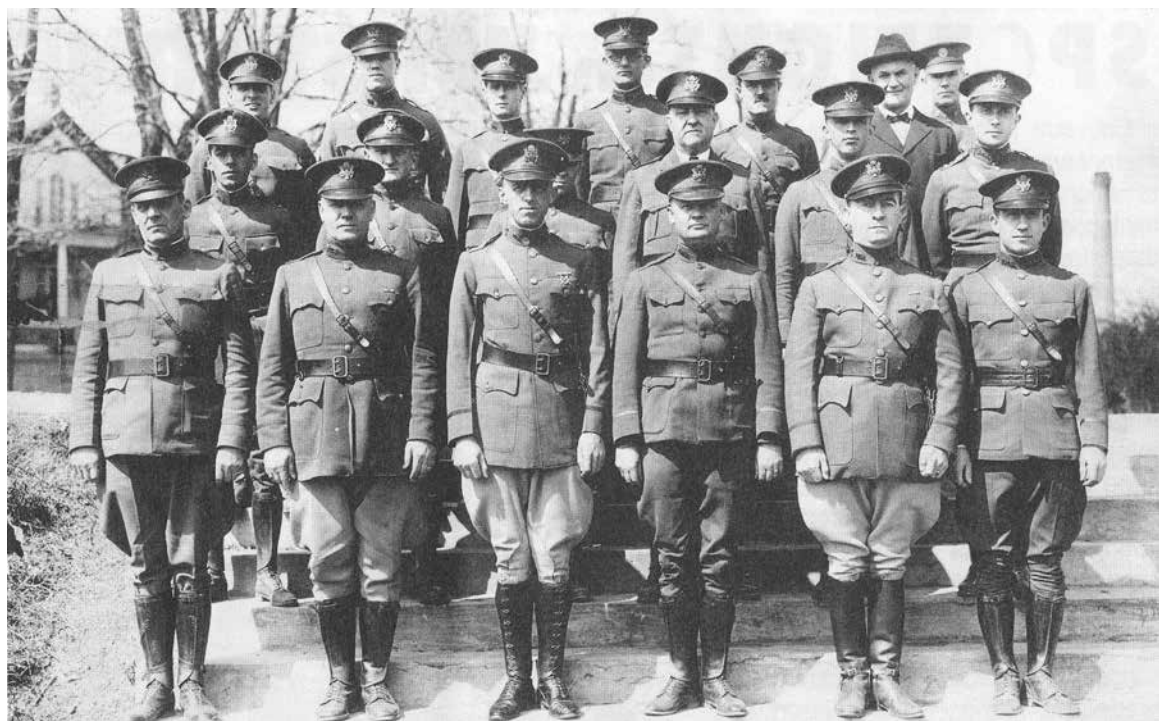
Jim even figured out a way to get students from the AMA campus to the BRCC campus. "We planned to buy used school buses which would be refurbished by the Blue Ridge industrial arts classes."

Valley Forge Military Academy in Pennsylvania, Marion Military Institute in Alabama, and several other junior colleges have ROTC programs in which a participant can earn a commission after 2 years. "I hoped we could do the same... but the Commanding General at Fort Monroe (a VMI graduate incidentally) was totally uncooperative. But when I met with the Virginia Adjutant General, he was most encouraging and helpful. With his support and that of General Art Sproul<sup>1</sup>, we went to see the Army National Guard chief at the Pentagon and Army Secretary Jack Marsh (who once represented the northern part of the Valley in the U. S. House of Representatives)."

Jim also got help from VMI. "The Superintendent even wondered if the ROTC unit we hoped to have at AMA could be a subset of the ROTC unit at VMI with their ROTC personnel serving both schools."

#### What to do about the physical plant?

It seemed that things were falling into place. But what to do about the physical plant at AMA? The buildings had been neglected in the last few years that the school was open. Back in 1980, **Mal Livick** had asked an architect to submit a proposal for refurbishing the school. The estimate came to nearly \$4.5 million, a figure that was clearly out of reach for an institution where attendance was down and expenses were up. Now 4 years later, some serious problems were beginning to manifest themselves. Culbertson did little maintenance while he owned the place, though he did have a friend living on the campus who performed some strange, contrived and ineffective renovations (such



**THE AMA FACULTY AND STAFF, 1925.** Front row, l. to r., Colonel Tom Roller, Principal; Major Charles S. Roller, Jr., Commandant; Major J. C. Sandlin, PMS&T; Major H. A. Jacob, Assistant Commandant; Captain Warren Robinson, Assistant to the Principal; Captain H. T. Holladay. Second row, Captain J. W. Caldwell, Captain C. C. Carter; Captain J. F. Crockett; Captain W. M. Yarbrough; Captain George E. Starnes (Jim's Dad); Captain W. B. Webb. Back row, Captain H. D. Deane; Captain O. L. Denton; Captain W. P. Gooch; Captain W. O. Stackhouse; Captain J. C. Gallagher; Captain Nathan Parkins (who always wore civilian clothes); and Lieutenant William Kennedy.

as installing a vinyl roof over the swimming pool, held in place by stacking automobile tires on it!)

Big Barracks was basically sound, and Jim had plans to extend each room out to the edge of the present stoops, and to extend the stoops farther into the courtyard. Each room would have its own heat pump, toilet, sink, and shower, and could accommodate 4 cadets.<sup>2</sup> How would Jim pay for the drastic remodel of Main Barracks? "I felt that individual alumni or classes would refurbish the rooms with cash, sweat equity, or a combination..."

The wooden buildings would have been a bigger challenge. "Load bearing walls had been removed in some of the buildings, but we had a plan to move the Roller-Robinson House and Deane's Castle (The Hill) back some distance so that a steel frame building, connected to Davis Hall (J Barracks), could house the mess hall, a cadet activities center, and an auditorium..." The Big Room would return to its original state and eventually, Hoover Hall would have been remodeled.

Remembering his days at Augusta, Jim even had plans  
(concluded on next page)

<sup>1</sup> Lieutenant General Sproul was the retired CG of the 29th Division and a former AMA Board member.

<sup>2</sup> When AMA had in excess of 500 cadets, there were 4 or 5 men in each room using double bunks and fold away beds. And the sinks were at the end of each stoop, a chilly exercise on a February morning.

## Boards to meet in March

The Boards of the AMA Alumni Foundation and the AMA Alumni Association will meet on Saturday 7 March at the Holiday Inn in Staunton to discuss the further development of the Foundation's strategic plan.

Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke, '72**, says that the meeting is to discuss the draft of a plan covering future museum staffing, fund raising, efforts toward getting the museum accredited and other matters of importance. The results of an external audit also will be presented. Clarke says, *"We need to know where we are going and how we are going to get there. All AMA alumni are invited to attend the meeting."*

For anyone who needs to spend a night, the Holiday Inn has a special \$59 AMA rate for this event. The Saturday meeting will start at 0900 and Clarke hopes that it will be concluded by 1600.

## STARNES *(from previous page)*

for *"the best prep school band in the nation"* headed by a retired bandmaster from the British Royal Marines, and working in cooperation with the Shenandoah Conservatory in Winchester to attract top musicians.

So, Jim seemed to have it all: a curriculum; possible funds from the US Army Reserve and the National Guard bringing the cost down to \$800 a year for the curriculum; a retiree base from which many staff and faculty members could be recruited; probable accreditation; a campus; transportation; and maybe, just maybe, the best prep school band around.

### Culbertson would not budge

One problem remained. Culbertson would not budge from his \$2 million asking price. *"As it always does, it boiled down to money. There were so many things that needed to be done to make the physical plant usable, and Culbertson simply would not price the property reasonably..."*

When the school finally sold at its second auction, it brought in much less than the \$550,000 Culbertson had paid. And he received little, if any, of the purchase price since so much was owed to the banks who funded his purchase.

Dreams die hard. *"I believe that we had a window of time when we could have put AMA back on the air,"* says Jim wistfully. *"AMA deserved to be saved and I spent 2 years of my life dedicated to that purpose."*

## **VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM AND CUT YOUR REUNION REGISTRATION FEE DRAMATICALLY!**

For every six hour day one volunteers at the Museum, the registration fee for Reunion 2015 is REDUCED TEN PERCENT! Volunteer five six hour days and cut the fee in half! Ten days and your registration will be FREE!

If you live within a two hour drive to Fort Defiance, can't you give us a weekend day or so? Call 540/248-3007.

## Trustee Nominating Committee plans

At the 7 March meeting in Staunton, Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke, '72**, will name a five person nominating committee to select a slate of candidates for the four trustee seats up for election at Reunion 2015. Ending three year terms on the board are **Phil Bentley, '83**, **Blaine Clarke, '72** and **Dr. Mary DeCredico**, Professor of History at the US Naval Academy. A fourth seat up for election was created by the resignation of **Bob Bradford, '50**.

Nominations for the trustee positions will close on Friday 3 April. By e-mail, put the words "TRUSTEE NOMINATION" on the subject line and send to [AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.com](mailto:AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.com). By snail mail, put the word "TRUSTEE" on the envelope and mail to AMA Museum, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437.

Once again, nominations close Friday 3 April. Voting at the General Membership Meeting on Saturday 18 April will be by printed ballot with no write-ins permitted. Oral or written proxy votes will not be accepted.

## Founder's Day will honor the 53 AMA men killed in World War Two

On the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War Two, the 53 AMA alumni who died in that war will be remembered at Founder's Day ceremonies on Saturday 18 April in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery.

**Edwin Click, '50**, will read the names of the KIAs as a part of the ceremony which will also honor AMA's Founder **Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.** and his sons **Colonel Tom Roller** and **General Charles Roller, Jr.**

The deaths of AMA alumni in World War Two is sadly amazing. Fifty three AMA men died in the war while the Class of 1942 had only 42 seniors. The vast majority of AMA men who fell were either first or second lieutenants.

Is there any other institution which made such a noble per capita sacrifice for freedom?

## B.J. d'Orsay has *Bayonets* on line

Twenty years of *Bayonets* are now on our web site, thanks to the dedication and expertise of AMA Webmaster **B.J. d'Orsay, '70**.

Since 1995, there have been some 70 *Bayonets*, some running to more than 90 pages. The web site also contains a complete index which, if printed out, would cover nearly 500 two column pages!

Go to our web site ([AMAAlumni.org](http://AMAAlumni.org)), click on "Bayonet index" in the upper left column and search alphabetically for the cadet or event in which you are interested. Then click "On line *Bayonets*," go to the issue and page indicated by the index and read about your roommate, teacher or an event. We owe so much to B.J. for creating and maintaining our wonderful web site and adding all the *Bayonets* is a tremendous plus for us all. Thanks, B.J.!

**Sports Hall of Fame** judges are now considering nominees for the 2015 Hall. Winners will be inducted at the Saturday lunch during Reunion 2015.



# Lieutenant General Bill Martin has died at age 99

US Air Force **Lieutenant General William Kemp Martin**, '32, died on 22 October 2014 just two months after his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. He grew up in Washington, DC and later in Warrrenton, NC after his father died.

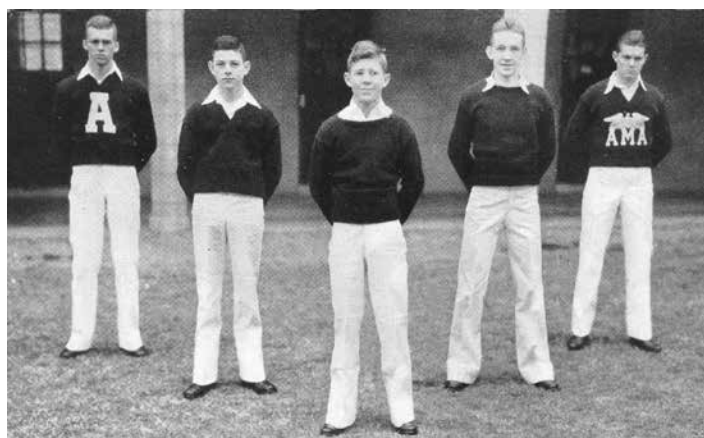
When his father passed away, Bill came to AMA where he was the First Sergeant of E Company, played Tiger basketball and baseball, belonged to the Boosters Club, was on the YMCA Cabinet and was Head Cheerleader. On two occasions as a general officer, he came back to AMA to speak to and meet the cadets there at the time.

He attended Colgate University and graduated from West Point in 1939. Upon completion of pilot training, he was assigned to the 7<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (B-17) at Hamilton Field, CA which transferred shortly to Salt Lake City where he met and married his Mary.

In October of 1943, he was transferred to the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force in England where he flew 23 missions over the European continent. He was named Director of Operations



**THREE STARS** - Lieutenant General Bill Martin, center, at home in Park City, UT with, left, Rick Smail, '67 and, right, Gordon Metz, '68. Photo taken in 2007.



**"BILLY" MARTIN**, center was the Head Cheerleader in his senior year at Augusta.

for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Air Division reporting to General Curtis Lemay. He later was the Commander of the 487<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group at Lavenham Airfield in Sudbury, UK and then commanded bombardment groups in New Mexico, Maine and Puerto Rico.

He graduated from the Air War College in Alabama and soon after was privileged to fly the first B-52C from the Boeing factory in Seattle to Loring AFB in Maine.

Under General Martin's leadership, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Bombardment Wing became the first Strategic Air Command (SAC) base to convert from B-36 to the B-52 Stratofortress.

After a tour at SAC Headquarters in Omaha and a four year tour at The Pentagon, he was named Commander of the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force at March Field in California where he was

promoted to lieutenant general. Throughout his long and distinguished career, Bill was known as a "soldier's general" engendering deep respect from all who served under him.

In 1968, he brought his military career to a close by retiring. In his long career, he had earned two Distinguished Service Medals, second only to the Medal of Honor in the medal hierarchy. He also won two Legions of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross with cluster, the Air Medal with four clusters, the British Distinguished Flying Cross, the French Croix de Guerre and both Bronze and Silver Stars for valor.

He piloted the B-17, B-24, B-29, B-36, B-52 and the SR71. After he retired, he regularly piloted a Cessna and an Aerostar. He became President of the Snowmass American Corporation in Aspen and for ten years (1980-1990) he was a partner in Clark's Market.

He and Mary lived for 25 years in Aspen, then moved to Park City in 1994 to be near their three sons.

Bill was a great sportsman, an avid skier who made his last run at age 90 and was a superb golfer.

He was preceded in death by his beloved Mary and a daughter

Kathlyn Snow Martin. He is survived by William K. Martin, Jr., J. Michael Martin, Mary Martin Gill and Robert Charles Martin.

General Martin was buried with full military honors in the Arlington National Cemetery.



**GENERAL MARTIN**, second from left, on a visit to AMA, talks with Colonel Gardner and two unidentified cadets.

# The history of AMA's organizations

The first AMA Alumni Association was formed by then **Major Charles S. Roller, Jr.** in the late 1920's. **Lewis H. Munding, '26**, of Richmond was appointed as its head. There was little activity except at Finals when a small scholarship was awarded to a deserving cadet.

The second and present alumni association was formed on 6 June 1970 with its stated purpose of supporting our school. **Parker Ward, '54**, was elected the first president and after his tragic death in the Marshall College Football Team plane crash, **Mickey Gordon, '39**, became president. The association was incorporated in June of 1979 and was granted a 501(c)(3) income tax exemption by the IRS based upon its single purpose: to support the Academy.

In 1999, our accountants and attorneys advised us that the IRS could revoke our tax exemption at any time because the Academy had closed in 1984 and there was no longer a functioning school to support. Our legal advisers suggested that we create a foundation which could protect existing funds as well as money that might be raised in the future for activities based primarily on our free-admission-to-the-public museum.

The AMA Alumni Foundation was created in November 2000 and was granted tax exempt status by the IRS. The first investment and checking accounts were established in 2001 and the Foundation since has assumed control of all alumni funds in order to protect them under 501(c)(3).

The Association's tax exemption was and is flawed though it has not been officially revoked by the IRS. The "confusing duality" of the two organizations exists today because we had to have the Foundation and some alumni did not want to abolish the Association. Every former cadet, faculty or staff member is invited to support the Foundation. We have had many families and "outside" friends join the Foundation. There are no dues, there is no initiation, and no required duties.

We do ask that you support the AMA Museum, *The Bayonet* and our AMA Legacy Scholarship programs as well as contributing to our essential operating costs. Because of the Foundation's 501(c)(3) status, such contributions/donations are tax deductible at both the State and Federal levels.

We need both funds **and manpower** to keep our AMA Museum alive and vibrant.

## ***The AMA Alumni Association***

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. plans and executes annual alumni reunions and can support miscellaneous "for profit" ventures.

Reunion registration fees are NOT tax deductible.

The Association has a Board of Directors consisting mainly of, but not limited to, AMA alumni.

There is an annual election of officers at the Membership Meeting during annual reunions.

Officers are elected for one year terms at board meetings held during annual alumni reunions.

## ***The AMA Alumni Foundation***

The Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation, Inc. supports the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund, the AMA Museum, the maintenance of alumni mailing lists and the publishing and distribution of *The Bayonet*.

Gifts to the AMA Alumni Foundation are tax deductible.

The AMA Alumni Foundation was created to provide an opportunity for alumni and friends of AMA to support our activities and be entitled to a deduction on State and Federal tax returns.

The AMA Alumni Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization as defined by IRS regulations.

Trustees serve for three year terms with one third of them being elected each year.

Those interested in serving can submit their names to the Nominating Committee which has the authority to set the date when nominations will be closed.

Votes will be taken at the annual Membership Meeting at reunion time.

Paper ballots will be available to any alumnus in attendance.

Trustees may be AMA alumni but are not required to be.

Write-in votes are not permitted and proxies, written or oral, are not accepted.



## Charles Roller Livick, '77, passes away

**Charles "Charlie" Roller Livick, '77**, died peacefully at his home in Linglestown, Pennsylvania on 20 November 2014. He had been battling brain cancer. He is the son of **Colonel and Mrs. Mal Livick** and was born in Fort Defiance.

He was an active duty military policeman in the US Army 1978-83 and served in the Army Reserves 1983-1990. Charlie headed the first anti-terrorist and hostage rescue team at the US Army War College.

He was Battalion Adjutant at AMA, played varsity football, basketball and lacrosse and was named Best Athlete in 1977. He was also on the Honor Committee. Charlie attended East Tennessee State University. For many years, he had worked at FedEx Freight.



From 1960, Mal Livick, Jr., left, and Charlie, right, at a football game with Mrs. Linda Roller Livick.

He is survived by his wife, Tracey Snyder Livick, who he married in 2008; his parents; children, Justin, Jeffrey, Brittany, Charles and Amber; brothers **Malcolm Livick, Jr., '75** and **LTC Todd Livick, '81**; a sister, Lee Livick Combs; step-children Sheena, Kody and Erica; and many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Taylor Livick, '81**. A graveside service, attended by a number of AMA alumni, was held in December at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, PA.



Charlie and his wife, Tracey, leaving the gym after the Saturday lunch at the 2014 reunion. He passed away seven months later.



Coach Joe Josephson greets Charlie after a spectacular play in 1976.

## William H. McOwen, '44

4 December 2014, 87, in Cincinnati. Attended Kenyon College and received a Bachelor of Science from Ohio State. US Army in World War II. Owned and operated a computer software company for many years. Twice married. Active softball player, coach and umpire. Earned several medals in Senior Olympics.



**Bill McOwen,  
1944 Recall**

Badminton champion. Survived by sons Billy, Jr. and Tim; daughters, Mary Holt, Nancy McOwen, Amy Holland, Mollie McOwen and Nicole Thompson; eleven grandchildren; two brothers, John and Tom McOwen; and numerous nephews and nieces.

At AMA, five year cadet. 2LT, A Company; Secretary of Student Body; Honor Committee; captain, swimming team; varsity football. *Ad Astra*

*Please let us know when an alumnus, faculty member or AMA friend passes away. Please send an e-mail to: AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net or phone 540/248-3007.*

## Sick call

**Linda Roller Livick** continues to recover from a malignancy and received a good report from her radiologist at the end of January. **Colonel Livick** says Linda now will only have to see her doctor every three months.

**Fishburne friend John Maragon** had some serious heart problems last year but is much improved, thankfully. Keep on keeping on, John!

**Goodloe Saunders, '57**, has had skin cancer surgery and has been taking radiation treatments at Bethesda Naval Hospital. We wish our faithful museum docent only the best.



## Foundation by-laws update on web site

A committee of three appointed by Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke, '72**, presented a report updating the by-laws of the AMA Alumni Foundation and the Foundation Trustees have approved the changes unanimously. The new by-laws are posted on the AMA web site: [AMAAlumni.org](http://AMAAlumni.org)

## Oral history project continues forward

**Bob Gooch, '70**, is continuing his Skype interviews with AMA alumni and friends as he edits and compiles an oral history of our school and those who went there. Says he, *"The pilot 'Graduation' will be available for viewing at the reunion where we will have two items of interest. One, a PC presentation showing samples of interviews and the edited finished product and two, we will have recording capabilities so that each alumnus may record his memories of AMA."*

**Brett Thompson, '75**, and Annaliza were married on 22 October with his new father-in-law, **Steve Traylor, '72**, and family present. Congratulations!

**Luke Snyder, '60**, lost his sister last Fall. So sorry to hear this, Luke.

**Barry Weeks, '66**, is an estate planner in Gray, GA. He recently had successful eye surgery.

**Elliott Ridge, '57**, gave us the sad news that his dear sweet wife, Hope, has passed away. Elliott is now in an assisted living facility in Hillsville, VA. Thinking of you, Corky.

**Angus Hines, '42**, is spending the winter aboard his boat in Stuart, FL. Amazing Angus is now 91 but looking and acting 20 years younger.

**Ben Beard, '65**, retired as an Assistant US Attorney in 2013 having earned countless accolades for his loyal and superior service. He and Polly live in Pensacola.



**SHOP AT THE PX AT THE REUNION! - That is what Rex Rumley, '69, did and outfitted his entire family in AMA garb! L. to r., Grandson Gus Rogan, two month old Lewis and Rose Rogan. Second row, Rex, daughter Robin and Rex's wife, Rose. Back row, son James Rumley and the grandchildren's father Timothy Rogan, II. Outfit your entire family when you visit the AMA PX!**

**Ernie Click, '48**, and Marge continue to improve after their 2014 health problems. Ernie has had some heart problems and Marge had a bout with cancer but things are looking up for both of them.

**Major General Larry Nicholson, '75**, is Commanding General of the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, CA. He and Debbie are planning on attending the reunion in April.

**Julian Quarles, '35**, World War II hero and faithful alumnus, celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday in January. Julian just keeps on keeping on!

**Colonel Jim Council, '49**, and Mary Alice traveled shore to shore this last year ending up in Ormond Beach, FL so Mary Alice could *"stick my bare foot in the sand."* They live in San Antonio and have visited all 50 states and a number of foreign countries.

**Bill McVey, '60**, and Millie wrote to say that they are *"always amazed at the content and the quality of The Bayonet."* Thanks so much, guys. The McVeys live in Fair Oaks Ranch, TX.

**Bob Harris, '54**, says his *"Dear Kathy went home to be with our Lord and Savior on 18 April of last year."* Kathy had endured COPD for years and she had been on oxygen 24/7. Please accept our warm best wishes, Bob.

**Rod Willey, '51**, and Ruth visited Costa Rica in January and will be going to Italy later this year. Rod lives in Fort Defiance while Ruth resides in Florida.

**Rich Smail, '67**, and Mary Ann became grandparents for the first time last July when Sawyer Kate Smail was born to son Zach and Jenn. Rick's Mom was 90 in October and they took her on a paddlewheel riverboat trip.

# THE 2015 SILENT AUCTION

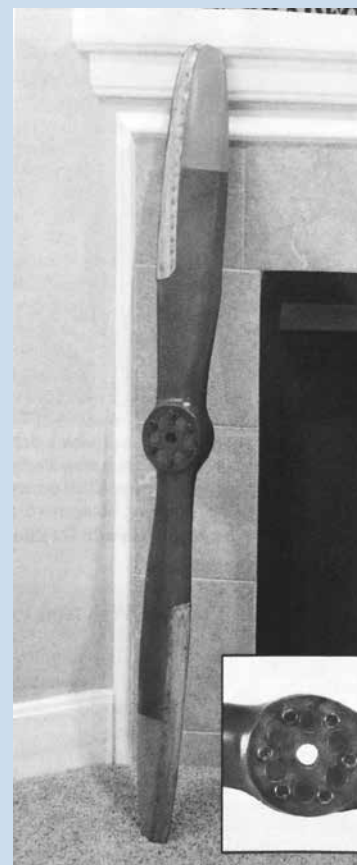
***The fantastic annual opportunity to find some real treasures while helping AMA***

***Once again, there will be multiple opportunities for you to support AMA while finding some valuable items that you might not have known that you need!***

*Already we have vacation stays in some fantastic condos at the beach and in the mountains! A rare uncirculated 90 year old American coin: one of America's first Civil War half dollars! A vintage wooden propeller! A Voyager emergency radio! A cutting board in the shape of the State of Virginia! A complaint department sign complete with hand grenade! A Betsy Ross flag blanket! And more!*



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***Now is the time for you to see what you can come up with that will be a treasure to someone else!***

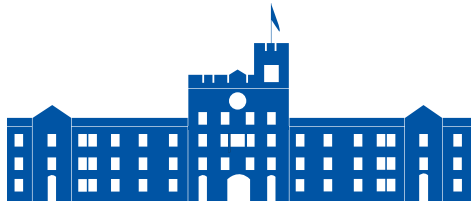
***Let us know what you have for the Silent Auction.***

***Contact Scott Travers, '70 by e-mail at:***

***scotttraversusa@gmail.com***

***or call the Museum at: 540/248-3007***





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## Ad Astra per Aspera 90 years old

Ad Aspera per Aspera was born 90 years ago on 3 June 1925 when then **Major Charles S. Roller, Jr.** put into being a concept he had held since 1919 when he was on a troop ship returning from France at the end of the First World War.

Pictured at right is the actual front page of the Ad Astra book which was kept in **Major/Colonel/General Roller's** office and into which he wrote, in his own hand, the names of cadets elected each year to AMA's highest honor. The page reads: "Ad Astra Per Aspera Fraternity Society, Founded June 3 1925 at Augusta Military Academy. We do not count popularity but we do place service above self and loyalty next to godliness. Founder Charles Somerville Roller, Jr. born Sept 8 1879 - on way back from World War I Summer of 1919."

Each year from 1925 until the school closed, faculty members and Ad Astra cadets selected up to ten cadets for this honor. Today, at reunion you will find many alumni so honored still proudly wearing their Ad Astra pin. General Roller was buried with his pin in place on his uniform.

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## Attend the Reunion **FREE!**

**By volunteering at the AMA Museum,  
you can attend the reunion FREE!**

For every six hour day that you volunteer at the Museum, you can take ten per cent off your registration fee! Volunteer five days and your fee is cut in half! Ten days and it's FREE!

If you live within a two hour drive to Fort Defiance, we need you NOW. Two of our loyal volunteers have health problems and we need people who love AMA to step up to the plate NOW

Call Crysta or Ben at 540/248-3007.  
Volunteer and cut your registration fee drastically!

## SMA history project web site

Staunton Military Academy has launched a series of websites covering the history of SMA from its founding in 1884 until it closed in 1976.

The project began in 2007 to document the school's beginnings, the life of the academy at its apex and the final closure of the school. Chapters are being added to the websites as research is completed, the latest being Chapter 14, Buildings and Grounds. Yearbooks, school newspapers, catalogs and other memorabilia all have been or are being digitized under the direction of SMA Alumni Association Historian **Greg Robertson**.

The website is: [www.smahistory.com](http://www.smahistory.com).

## Interested in party bridge at R2016?

"Peachy" Schwarzmann, '63, wonders if there are those who would like to play party bridge at next year's reunion. Contact him at: [TREV1170@aol.com](mailto:TREV1170@aol.com)